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## Congressional Courant is

published by the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Legislative/ Government Affairs Division throughout the year. We research Congressional legislation as it is introduced and provide a summary of congressional legislation and federal bureau/agency action that proposes potential impacts to the Department's management of the state's wildlife and wildlife resources.

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111<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session

FIRST SESSION CONVENED: JANUARY 6, 2009

ADJOURNED: DECEMBER 24, 2009

**DAYS OF SESSION: 191** 

**SECOND SESSION CONVENED: JANUARY 5, 2010** 

## July/August Congressional News (July 29, 2010)

After just having returned from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July recess, Congress works to secure a monumental financial regulatory reform package, which was conference the final week of June. The final vote occurred in the Senate on July 15<sup>th</sup>, passing by a vote of 60-39. The 2,300 page legislation has provisions for the creation of a new consumer protection agency, and a myriad of other provisions, which intend to limit discretionary fees, and quell risky activities of the financial industry. The President has signed this measure.

Arizona Senators John McCain and Jon Kyl have also just dropped a version of the Tri-State Shooting Range bill. The measure proposes a BLM land exchange for purposes of constructing a shooting facility to be operated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. This measure is a companion measure to H.R. 2100, a House version sponsored by Congressman Trent Franks (CD-2). The bills are not identical as this new iteration, S.3565, notes that the environmental assessment dates 2/8/10 is sufficient to serve requirements under NEPA and NHP, and will not be subject to judicial review. The language in the McCain/Kyl version also meets prior concerns involving a categorical exclusion under NEPA. In the new iteration, the language stipulates that the Commission may decline the exchange, and therefore not subject to administrative costs in the event the exchange could not occur. On August 6<sup>th</sup> the Commission voted unanimously to support this iteration of the land exchange bill.

The "Clean Energy, Community Investment and Wildlife Conservation Act," <u>S.3587</u> was also recently dropped in mid-July by Senators Harry Reid (Majority Leader-NV) and Senator Jon Tester (MT). The measure promotes renewable energy projects with a revenue sharing provision, which would apportion a certain percentage of royalties collected from those projects for conservation and hunter/angler access purposes. The substantial amount is intended to monitor and mitigate for impacts to wildlife, hunter access and habitat as a result of the development of wind/solar development. There are also provisions that pertain to competitive public land leases for these projects to be managed by the US Dept. of Interior with 25% of the revenue going back to the state or county. This measure will not be taken up until after August Recess, as noted recently by Senator Reid. The following provisions delineate the positive aforementioned impacts to the state:

- (2) USE OF FUNDS- Amounts in the Fund shall be available to the Secretary, who may make the amounts available to the State, Federal agencies, or other interested parties for the purposes of--
- (A) mitigating impacts of renewable energy on Federal land, including--

- (i) protecting fish and wildlife corridors and other sensitive land;
- (ii) restoring fish and wildlife habitat; and
- (iii) securing recreational access to Federal land through easement, right of way, or fee title acquisition from willing sellers for the purpose of providing enhanced public access to existing Federal land that is inaccessible or significantly restricted; and

On a global scale, through the Office of the US Trade Representative and World Trade Organization (WTO), negotiations are ongoing for establishing new international limits on fishing subsidies that perpetuate overfishing and exhaustion of resources. The Assistant US Trade Representative for Environment stated that during this round of WTO negotiations, despite some stumbling blocks, he anticipates that by the conclusion of the Doha (Qatar) talks to include some sort of limitation on these subsidies.

Congress has also begun work for consideration of the FY-2011 budget package. As of the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, they have moved half of those feed bills through Appropriations hearings with favorable reports.

Arizona Congressman, John Shadegg (CD-3) recently dropped a measure which would prohibit the trade, sale, import/export of billfish or any product containing billfish (sailfish, marlin, etc.)

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## July/August, 2010 Bill Tracking List

\*Highlighted information indicates that the information has changed or been added since the last issue of the Congressional Courant.

\*The Arizona Game and Fish Commission's formal positions on legislation are indicated in the summaries below.

## **House Bills**

## H.R.45 Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009

**Title:** To provide for the implementation of a system of licensing for purchasers of certain firearms and for a record of sale system for those firearms, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Rush, Bobby L. [IL-1] (introduced 1/6/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/9/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime,

Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

### H.R.48 Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act

**Title:** To amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, popularly known as the Lacey Act, to add certain species of carp to the list of injurious species that are prohibited from being imported or shipped.

Sponsor: Rep Biggert, Judy [IL-13] (introduced 1/6/2009) Co-sponsors (1)

Latest Major Action: 2/9/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime,

Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

## H.R.80 Captive Primate Safety Act

**Title:** To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Blumenauer, Earl [OR-3] (introduced 1/6/2009) Co-sponsors (27)

Related Bills: <u>S.462</u>

Latest Major Action: 7/20/2009 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 118.

Senate Reports: 111-53

### H.R.324 Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area Act

Title: To establish the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 1/8/2009) Co-sponsors (1)

Latest Major Action: 9/24/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred

to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## H.R.325 Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project

**Title:** To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project.

Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 1/8/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 4/27/2010 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural

Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

### H.R.388 Crane Conservation Act of 2009

**Title:** To assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes.

Sponsor: Rep Baldwin, Tammy [WI-2] (introduced 1/9/2009) Co-sponsors (11)

Related Bills: S.197

Latest Major Action: 7/20/2009 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 119.

Senate Reports: 111-54

### H.R.405 Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Act

**Title:** To authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Heller, Dean [NV-2] (introduced 1/9/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and

Power.

#### H.R.411 Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2009

**Title:** To assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations.

Sponsor: Rep Inslee, Jay [WA-1] (introduced 1/9/2009) Co-sponsors (7)

Related Bills: \$.529

**Latest Major Action:** 4/22/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### H.R.510

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on

recreational equipment be paid quarterly.

Sponsor: Rep Kind, Ron [WI-3] (introduced 1/14/2009) Co-sponsors (91)

Related Bills: S.632

Latest Major Action: 1/14/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and

Means.

**AGF Commission Position: Support** 

### H.R.551 Sierra Vista Sub-watershed Feasibility Study Act

**Title:** To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study of water augmentation alternatives in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed.

Sponsor: Rep Giffords, Gabrielle [AZ-8] (introduced 1/15/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and

Power.

### H.R.642 Recreational Shooting Protection Act

Title: To provide opportunities for continued recreational shooting on certain Federal public land.

**Sponsor:** Rep Flake, Jeff [AZ-6] (introduced 1/22/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks,

Forests, and Public Lands.

## H.R.644 Grand Canyon Watersheds Protection Act of 2009

**Title:** To withdraw the Tusayan Ranger District and Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the vicinity of Kanab Creek and in House Rock Valley from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 1/22/2009) Co-sponsors (28)

Latest Major Action: 7/21/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

### H.R.647

**Title:** To authorize the International Boundary and Water Commission to reimburse State and local governments of the States of Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas for expenses incurred by such a government in designing, constructing, and rehabilitating water projects under the jurisdiction of such Commission.

Sponsor: Rep Hinojosa, Ruben [TX-15] (introduced 1/22/2009) Co-sponsors (2)

Latest Major Action: 1/23/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water

Resources and Environment.

### H.R.669 Nonnative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act

**Title:** To prevent the introduction and establishment of nonnative wildlife species that negatively impact the economy, environment, or other animal species' or human health, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU] (introduced 1/26/2009) Co-sponsors (30)

Latest Major Action: 4/23/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

### H.R.699 Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2009

**Title:** To modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Rahall, Nick J., II [WV-3] (introduced 1/27/2009) Co-sponsors (31)

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

## H.R.715 Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2009

**Title:** To expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park, to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the Park, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 1/27/2009) Co-sponsors (1)

Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 176.

House Reports: 111-310

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### H.R.1018 Restore Our American Mustangs Act

**Title:** To amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Rahall, Nick J., II [WV-3] (introduced 2/12/2009) Co-sponsors (7)

Related Bills: H.RES.653, S.1579

Latest Major Action: 7/20/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred

to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

House Reports: 111-177

**AGF Commission Position: Oppose** 

#### H.R.1054

**Title:** To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Sponsor: Rep Young, Don [AK] (introduced 2/12/2009) Cosponsors (30)

Related Bills: S.1395

Latest Major Action: 9/22/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

### H.R.1328 Farmland Preservation and Land Conservation Act of 2009

**Title:** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an unlimited exclusion from transfer taxes for certain farmland and land of conservation value, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Bishop, Timothy H. [NY-1] (introduced 3/5/2009) Co-sponsors (2)

Latest Major Action: 3/5/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and

Means.

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### H.R.1373

**Title:** To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a resource study along the "Ox-Bow Route" of the Butterfield Overland Trail in the States of Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Boozman, John [AR-3] (introduced 3/6/2009) Co-sponsors (3)

**Latest Major Action:** 3/11/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

### H.R.1520 Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2009

**Title:** To improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Kind, Ron [WI-3] (introduced 3/16/2009) Co-sponsors (8)

**Latest Major Action:** 3/18/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

### H.R.1584 Flexibility in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act of 2009

**Title:** To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding of certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Pallone, Frank, Jr. [NJ-6] (introduced 3/18/2009) Co-sponsors (21)

**Latest Major Action:** 3/23/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

### H.R.1612 Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2009

**Title:** To amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service.

Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 3/19/2009) Cosponsors (64)

Latest Major Action: 3/26/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred

to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

House Reports: 111-312 Part 1

# H.R.1684 Preservation of the Second Amendment in National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges Act

**Title:** To preserve the rights granted under second amendment to the Constitution in national parks and national wildlife refuge areas.

Sponsor: Rep Hastings, Doc [WA-4] (introduced 3/24/2009) Cosponsors (83)

Related Bills: <u>S.816</u>

Latest Major Action: 3/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks,

Forests and Public Lands.

### H.R.1831 Conservation Easement Incentive Act of 2009

**Title:** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

Sponsor: Rep Thompson, Mike [CA-1] (introduced 3/31/2009) Cosponsors (236)

Related Bills: 5.812

Latest Major Action: 3/31/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and

Means.

### H.R.1914

**Title:** To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for the suspension of each provision of the Act during periods of drought with respect to Federal and State agencies that manage Federal river basins that are located in each region affected by the drought.

Sponsor: Rep Deal, Nathan [GA-9] (introduced 4/2/2009) Cosponsors (3)

**Latest Major Action:** 4/13/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

## H.R.1916 Migratory Bird Habitat Investment and Enhancement Act

**Title:** To amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to provide for a revised schedule of price increases for the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, popularly known as the "**Duck Stamp**", and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Dingell, John D. [MI-15] (introduced 4/2/2009) Cosponsors (1)

**Latest Major Action:** 7/29/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 16.

### H.R.2062 Migratory Bird Treaty Act Penalty and Enforcement Act of 2009

**Title:** To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep DeFazio, Peter A. [OR-4] (introduced 4/23/2009) Cosponsors (17)

Related Bills: S.2811

Latest Major Action: 4/21/2010 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Environment and Public

Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

House Reports: 111-355

### H.R.2076 Border Security and Responsibility Act 2009

**Title:** To provide for the establishment of a border protection strategy for the international land borders of the United States, to address the ecological and environmental impacts of border security infrastructure, measures, and activities along the international land borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 4/23/2009) Cosponsors (26)

**Latest Major Action:** 5/15/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities.

## H.R.2100 "Tri-State"

**Title:** To provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Mohave Valley, Mohave County, Arizona, administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, for use as a public shooting range.

**Sponsor:** Rep Franks, Trent [AZ-2] (introduced 4/27/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/25/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

AGF Commission Position: Support (W/Recommended Amended Language):

**Commission Letter** 

### H.R.2188 Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2009

**Title:** To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Kratovil, Frank, Jr. [MD-1] (introduced 4/30/2009) Cosponsors (3)

Latest Major Action: 12/21/2009 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 248.

House Reports: 111-201; Senate Reports: 111-111

## H.R.2213

**Title:** To reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act. **Sponsor:** Rep Kind, Ron [WI-3] (introduced 4/30/2009) Cosponsors (13)

Related Bills: 5.690

Latest Major Action: 10/28/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by

the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 16

### H.R.2288 Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2009

**Title:** To amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023.

Sponsor: Rep Salazar, John T. [CO-3] (introduced 5/6/2009) Cosponsors (12)

Related Bills: S.1453 H.R.4880

Latest Major Action: 5/19/2010 Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General

Orders. Calendar No. 399. House Reports: 111-481

### H.R.2308 Sportsmanship in Hunting Act of 2009

**Title:** To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals and certain computer-assisted remote hunting, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9] (introduced 5/7/2009) Cosponsors (5)

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime,

Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

#### H.R.2453

**Title:** To provide for a national biological data center, and for other purposes. **Sponsor:** Rep Duncan, John/J., Jr. [TN-2] (introduced 5/15/2009) Cosponsors (2)

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and

Mineral Resources.

#### H.R.2471

Title: Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund Reauthorization Act of 2009

Sponsor: Rep Whitfield, Ed [KY-1] (introduced 5/18/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Related Bills: <u>S.1061</u>

**Latest Major Action:** 5/18/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

## H.R.2489 America View Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act

**Title:** To authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs.

Sponsor: Rep Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [SD] (introduced 5/19/2009) Cosponsors (2)

Related Bills: <u>S.1078</u>

Latest Major Action: 12/24/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

House Reports: 111-309

### H.R.2509 Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2009

**Title:** To secure Federal ownership and management of significant natural, scenic, and recreational resources, to provide for the protection of cultural resources, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 5/20/2009) Cosponsors (3)

Related Bills: \$.409

Latest Major Action: 6/1/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks,

Forests and Public Lands.

## H.R.2565 National Fish Habitat Conservation Act

**Title:** To conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Kind, Ron [WI-3] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (3)

Related Bills: <u>S.1214</u>

Latest Major Action: 6/16/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**AGF Commission Position: Support** 

## H.R.2665 National Centers of Excellence for Regional Smart Growth Planning Act

Title: To establish national centers of excellence for regional smart growth planning, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Matsui, Doris O. [CA-5] (introduced 6/2/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/3/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and

Transit.

### H.R.2807 America's Wildlife Heritage Act

**Title:** To sustain fish, plants, and wildlife on America's public lands. **Sponsor:** Rep Kind, Ron [WI-3] (introduced 6/10/2009) Cosponsors (8)

Latest Major Action: 6/22/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation,

Credit, Energy, and Research.
AGF Commission Position: Support

### H.R.2811

Title: To amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species Python genera as an injurious

Sponsor: Rep Meek, Kendrick B. [FL-17] (introduced 6/10/2009) Cosponsors (8)

Related Bills: <u>S.373</u>

Latest Major Action: 11/6/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

### H.R.2944 Southern Arizona Public Lands Protection Act of 2009

**Title:** To withdraw certain Federal lands and interests located in Pima and Santa Cruz counties, Arizona, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 6/18/2009) Cosponsors (1)

Latest Major Action: 1/21/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

## H.R.3046 Hunting Heritage Protection Act

Title: To recognize the heritage of hunting and provide opportunities for continued hunting on Federal public land.

**Sponsor:** Rep Rehberg, Denny [MT] (introduced 6/25/2009) Cosponsors (6)

Related Bills: <u>S.1348</u>

Latest Major Action: 6/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks,

Forests and Public Lands.

## H.R.3050 American Family Farm and Ranchland Protection Act

**Title:** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitations on the amount excluded from the gross estate with respect to land subject to a qualified conservation easement.

Sponsor: Rep Blumenauer, Earl [OR-3] (introduced 6/25/2009) Cosponsors (5)

Latest Major Action: 6/25/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and

Means.

#### H.R.3135

**Title:** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional incentives for facilities producing electricity from wind

Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 7/8/2009) Cosponsors (9)

Latest Major Action: 7/8/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and

Means.

## H.R.3165 Wind Energy Research and Development Act of 2009

Title: To provide for a program of wind energy research, development, and demonstration, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Tonko, Paul D. [NY-21] (introduced 7/9/2009) Cosponsors (14)

Latest Major Action: 12/8/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee on Energy. Date of

scheduled hearing. SD-366. 2:30 p.m.

House Reports: 111-248

### H.R.3173 Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act

**Title**: To amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of

Sponsor: Rep Biggert, Judy [IL-13] (introduced 7/10/2009) Cosponsors (33)

Related Bills: H.R.48, S.1421

**Latest Major Action**: 8/19/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

#### H.R.3198 Wildlife Without Borders Authorization Act

**Title**: To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide international wildlife management and conservation programs through the Wildlife Without Borders Program in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Young, Don [AK] (introduced 7/14/2009) Cosponsors (None)

**Latest Major Action**: 7/17/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

## H.R.3201 Locatable Mineral Royalty and Reclamation Act of 2009 (OR)

### **National Uranium Summit Act**

**Title:** To amend the General Mining Law to provide for a fair return to the public, security of tenure to holders of mining claims and mill sites, and cleanup of abandoned mine lands, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Lamborn, Doug [CO-5] (introduced 7/14/2009) Cosponsors (3)

**Latest Major Action:** 7/17/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

### H.R.3302 Community Forestry Conservation Act of 2009

Title: To provide a Federal tax exemption for forest conservation bonds, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Thompson, Mike [CA-1] (introduced 7/22/2009) Cosponsors (2)

Related Bills: <u>S.1501</u>

Latest Major Action: 7/22/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and

Means.

### H.R.3381 Protect America's Wildlife Act of 2009

**Title:** To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to establish additional prohibitions on shooting wildlife from aircraft, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, George [CA-7] (introduced 7/29/2009) Cosponsors (116)

Related Bills: <u>S.1535</u>

Latest Major Action: 8/2/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs,

Oceans and Wildlife.

### H.R.3480 Bear Protection Act of 2009

**Title**: To conserve global bear populations by prohibiting the importation, exportation, and interstate trade of bear viscera and items, products, or substances containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, bear viscera, and for other purposes. **Sponsor**: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 7/31/2009) Cosponsors (37)

**Latest Major Action**: 8/10/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

### H.R.3481 Lower Colorado River Protection Act

**Title:** To provide for the protection of the quality of water in the Lower Colorado River and the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan for the prevention and elimination of pollution in the Lower Colorado River and the maintenance of a healthy Lower Colorado River ecosystem.

Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 7/31/2009) Cosponsors (None)

**Latest Major Action:** 8/10/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

### H.R.3534 Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009

Title: To provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and

energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Rahall, Nick J., II [WV-3] (introduced 9/8/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 9/17/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee Hearings Held.

### H.R.3537 Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Reauthorization Act of 2009

Title: To amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

Sponsor: Rep Ortiz, Solomon P. [TX-27] (introduced 9/8/2009) Cosponsors (1)

Latest Major Action: 4/26/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 357.

House Reports: 111-297; Senate Reports: 111-174

### H.R.3622 Ponds and Water-Based Conservation Act of 2009

**Title:** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for the construction of pond establishments for the purposes of non-commercial recreational fishing and conservation of water-based wildlife habitats.

Sponsor: Rep Bright, Bobby [AL-2] (introduced 9/22/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 9/22/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and

Means.

## H.R.3629 Healthy Borderlands Act of 2009

**Title:** To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and implement a mitigation plan to address the ecological impacts of border security measures and activities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Rodriguez, Ciro D. [TX-23] (introduced 9/22/2009) Cosponsors (1)

Latest Major Action: 10/9/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border,

Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism.

#### H.R.3650 Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2009

Title: To establish a National Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Program, to develop and coordinate a comprehensive and integrated strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, and to provide for the development and implementation of comprehensive regional action plans to reduce harmful algal blooms and hypoxia.

Sponsor: Rep Baird, Brian [WA-3] (introduced 9/25/2009) Cosponsors (19)

Related Bills: S.952

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2010 Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General

Orders. Calendar No. 318. **House Reports:** 111-396 Part 1

#### H.R.3692 National Forest Roadless Area Conservation Act

**Title:** To protect inventoried roadless areas in the National Forest System. **Sponsor:** Rep Inslee, Jay [WA-1] (introduced 10/1/2009) Cosponsors (155)

Latest Major Action: 6/15/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department

Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.

### H.R.3749 Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act

**Title:** To recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on Federal public lands and ensure continued opportunities for these activities.

Sponsor: Rep Boren, Dan [OK-2] (introduced 10/7/2009) Cosponsors (47)

Related Bills: S.1770

Latest Major Action: 6/15/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department

Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.

## H.R.3781 Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act

Title: To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded

public target ranges in certain States.

Sponsor: Rep Markey, Betsy [CO-4] (introduced 10/8/2009) Cosponsors (3)

**Related Bills: S.1702** 

Latest Major Action: 10/15/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular

Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

**AGF Commission Position: Support** 

## H.R.3805 Electronic Duck Stamp Extension Act of 2009

**Title:** To amend the Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2005 to extend by 2 years the period for the conduct of the electronic duck stamp pilot program under that Act.

Sponsor: Rep Wittman, Robert J. [VA-1] (introduced 10/13/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 5/6/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

#### H.R.4291

Title: Public Lands Rehabilitation and Job Creation Act

Sponsor: Rep Sanchez, Linda T. [CA-39] (introduced 12/11/2009) Cosponsors (10)

**Latest Major Action:** 12/11/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

### H.R.4388

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat.

Sponsor: Rep Murphy, Scott [NY-20] (introduced 12/16/2009) Cosponsors (1)

Related Bills: <u>S.2794</u>

Latest Major Action: 12/16/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and

Means

#### H.R.4398

Title: National Forest Insect and Disease Emergency Act of 2009

Sponsor: Rep Salazar, John T. [CO-3] (introduced 12/16/2009) Cosponsors (10)

Related Bills: <u>S.2798</u>

Latest Major Action: 6/22/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department

Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.

### H.R.4480

**Title:** National Youth Sports Program Revitalization Act of 2010

Sponsor: Rep Fudge, Marcia L. [OH-11] (introduced 1/20/2010) Cosponsors (6)

Latest Major Action: 2/23/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Healthy

Families and Communities.

#### H.R.4488

**Title:** National Wildfire Infrastructure Improvement and Cost Containment Act **Sponsor:** Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 1/21/2010) Cosponsors (3)

**Latest Major Action**: 3/29/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department

Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.

#### H.R.4497

Title: Wildlife and Zoological Veterinary Medicine Enhancement Act of 2010

Sponsor: Rep Hastings, Alcee L. [FL-23] (introduced 1/21/2010) Cosponsors (8)

Latest Major Action: 1/25/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs,

Oceans and Wildlife.

### H.R.4589

**Title:** To provide consistent enforcement authority to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States-Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public lands under the jurisdiction of these agencies, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Salazar, John T. [CO-3] (introduced 2/3/2010) Cosponsors (None)

Related Bills: S.2999

Latest Major Action: 6/22/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department

Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.

### H.R.4717 Open EAJA Act of 2010

**Title:** To require the Attorney General of the United States to compile, and make publically available, certain data relating to the Equal Access to Justice Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Lummis, Cynthia M. [WY] (introduced 3/2/2010) Cosponsors (4)

Related Bills: \$.3122

Latest Major Action: 4/26/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and

Competition Policy.

## H.R.4782 Invasive Species Emergency Response Fund Act

**Title:** To direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide loans to certain organizations in certain States to address habitats and ecosystems and to address and prevent invasive species.

Sponsor: Rep Young, Don [AK] (introduced 3/4/2010) Cosponsors (1)

Related Bills: <u>S.3063</u>

Latest Major Action: 3/8/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs,

Oceans and Wildlife.

### H.R.4814

**Title**: To prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Arizona except by express authorization of Congress.

Sponsor: Rep Flake, Jeff [AZ-6] (introduced 3/10/2010) Cosponsors (2)

**Latest Major Action**: 3/16/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

#### H.R.4817

**Title**: To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects.

Sponsor: Rep Teague, Harry [NM-2] (introduced 3/10/2010) Cosponsors (2)

Related Bills: S.2830

Latest Major Action: 3/10/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural

Resources.

### H.R.4823

**Title:** To establish the Sedona-Red Rock National Scenic Area in the Coconino National Forest, Arizona, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 3/11/2010) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/10/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

#### H.R.4880

Title: Copper Basin Jobs Act

Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 3/18/2010) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 3/22/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks,

Forests and Public Lands.

#### H.R.4973

Title: National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act of 2010

Sponsor: Rep Kratovil, Frank, Jr. [MD-1] (introduced 3/25/2010) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/16/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by

**Unanimous Consent.** 

### H.R.5101 Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of 2010

Title: To expand the science and stewardship of America's most important wildlife corridors

Sponsor: Rep Holt, Rush D. [NJ-12] (introduced 4/21/2010) Cosponsors (3)

Latest Major Action: 6/18/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Horticulture

and Organic Agriculture.

#### H.R.5212

**Title:** To amend Public Law 105-344 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the Blue Ridge Unified School District that portion of the Woodland Lake Park tract in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in the State of Arizona containing the Big Springs Environmental Study Area.

**Sponsor:** Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 5/5/2010) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 5/7/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks,

Forests and Public Lands.

### H.R.5284 Sikes Act Amendments Act of 2010

**Title:** Sikes Act Amendments Act of 2010

Sponsor: Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU] (introduced 5/12/2010) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/18/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.

#### H.R.5310 Brownfields Reauthorization Act of 2010

**Title:** Brownfields Reauthorization Act of 2010

Sponsor: Rep Pallone, Frank, Jr. [NJ-6] (introduced 5/13/2010) Cosponsors (3)

Latest Major Action: 5/14/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water

Resources and Environment.

### H.R.5337 Animal Torture Prevention Act of 2010

Title: Animal Torture Prevention Act of 2010

Sponsor: Rep Peters, Gary C. [MI-9] (introduced 5/18/2010) Cosponsors (1)

Related Bills: H.R.5092

Latest Major Action: 5/18/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

## H.R.5339 Disposal of Excess Federal Lands Act of 2010

Title: Disposal of Excess Federal Lands Act of 2010

Sponsor: Rep Chaffetz, Jason [UT-3] (introduced 5/19/2010) Cosponsors (24)

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks,

Forests and Public Lands.

### H.R.5342

Title: To prohibit the use of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to document, predict, or mitigate the climate

effects of specific Federal actions.

Sponsor: Rep Bishop, Rob [UT-1] (introduced 5/19/2010) Cosponsors (5)

Related Bills: S.3230

Latest Major Action: 5/19/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural

Resources.

### H.R.5379 Polar Bear Delisting Act

Title: Polar Bear Delisting Act

**Sponsor:** Rep Young, Don [AK] (introduced 5/25/2010) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 5/25/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural

Resources.

### H.R.5482 Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act

**Title:** Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act

Sponsor: Rep Jones, Walter B., Jr. [NC-3] (introduced 6/8/2010) Cosponsors (3)

Related Bills: H.R.4867

Latest Major Action: 6/10/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs,

Oceans and Wildlife.

### H.R.5531 Species Rescue Act

Title: Species Rescue Act

Sponsor: Rep Herger, Wally [CA-2] (introduced 6/15/2010) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/15/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural

Resources.

## H.R.5552 Firearms Excise Tax Improvement Act of 2010

**Title:** Firearms Excise Tax Improvement Act of 2010

Sponsor: Rep Kind, Ron [WI-3] (introduced 6/17/2010) Cosponsors (87)

Related Bills: H.R.510, S.632

Latest Major Action: 6/30/2010 Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under

Read the First Time.

## H.R.5566 Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act of 2010

**Title:** Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act of 2010 **Sponsor:** Rep Gallegly, Elton [CA-24] (introduced 6/22/2010) Cosponsors (243)

Latest Major Action: 6/23/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and

Nays: 23 - 0.

### H.R.5804 Billfish Conservation Act of 2010

Title: Billfish Conservation Act of 2010

Sponsor: Rep Shadegg, John B. [AZ-3] (introduced 7/21/2010) Cosponsors (4)

Latest Major Action: 7/23/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs,

Oceans and Wildlife.

### H.R.5892 Water Resources Development Act of 2010 (Section 2002 – Fish and Wildlife Mitigation)

**Title:** Water Resources Development Act of 2010

Sponsor: Rep Oberstar, James L. [MN-8] (introduced 7/28/2010) Cosponsors (1)

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R.5964 Endangered Species Compliance and Transparency Act of 2010

Title: Endangered Species Compliance and Transparency Act of 2010

Sponsor: Rep McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [WA-5] (introduced 7/29/2010) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural

Resources.

### H.R.6028

Title: To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to prohibit treatment of the Gray wolf as an endangered species or

threatened species.

Sponsor: Rep Edwards, Chet [TX-17] (introduced 7/30/2010) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 7/30/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural

Resources.

## **Senate Bills**

## S.152 Walnut Canyon Study Act of 2009

Title: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona.

Sponsor: Sen McCain, John [AZ] (introduced 1/6/2009) Co-sponsors (1)

Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## S.197 Crane Conservation Act of 2009

Title: A bill to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystem of cranes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Feingold, Russell D. [WI] (introduced 1/9/2009) Co-sponsors (10)

Related Bills: H.R.388

Latest Major Action: 1/9/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Environment and Public Works.

### S.297 Charter and Recreational Fishing Collective Marketing Act of 2009

Title: A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing associations of producers of aquatic products" to include persons engaged in the fishery industry as charter boats or recreational fishermen, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Nelson, Bill [FL] (introduced 1/22/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Related Bills: S.477

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### S.373

Title: A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species Python genera as an injurious animal.

Sponsor: Sen Nelson, Bill [FL] (introduced 2/3/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Related Bills: H.R.2811

Latest Major Action: 5/5/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 365.

Senate Reports: 111-180

### S.409 Southeast Arizona Land Exchange/Resolution Copper

**Title:** A bill to secure Federal ownership and management of significant natural, scenic, and recreational resources, to provide for the protection of cultural resources, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Kyl, Jon [AZ] (introduced 2/11/2009) Co-sponsors (1)

**Related Bills:** <u>H.R.2509</u>/ <u>H.R.4880</u>

Latest Major Action: 3/2/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 279.

Senate Reports: 111-129

**AGF Commission Position: Support Substitute Amendment to S.409** 

## **S.462 Captive Primate Safety Act**

**Title:** A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA] (introduced 2/24/2009) Co-sponsors (7)

Related Bills: H.R.80

Latest Major Action: 2/24/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Environment and Public Works.

## S.477 Fishermen's Collective Marketing Act of 2009

**Title:** A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing associations of producers of aquatic products" to include persons engaged in the fishery industry as charter boats or recreational fishermen, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Nelson, Bill [FL] (introduced 2/25/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Related Bills: <u>S.297</u>

Latest Major Action: 2/25/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **S.489 Migratory Bird Treaty Amendment Act of 2009**

Title: A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to authorize hunting under certain circumstances.

**Sponsor:** Sen Vitter, David [LA] (introduced 2/26/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Environment and Public Works.

### S.529 Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2009

**Title:** A bill to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations.

**Sponsor:** Sen Lieberman, Joseph I. [CT] (introduced 3/5/2009) Co-sponsors (9)

Related Bills: H.R.411

Latest Major Action: 7/20/2009 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 117.

Senate Reports: 111-52

### S.632 Firearms Fairness and Affordability Act

**Title:** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly.

Sponsor: Sen Baucus, Max [MT] (introduced 3/18/2009) Co-sponsors (16)

Related Bills: H.R.510

Latest Major Action: 3/18/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Finance

**AGF Commission Position:**/Support

## \$.655 Teaming with Wildlife Act, 2009

**Title:** A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to ensure adequate funding for conservation and restoration of wildlife, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen. Johnson, Tim [SD] (introduced 3/19/2009) Co-sponsors (6)

Latest Major Action: 3/19/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Environment and Public Works. **AGF Commission Position: Support** 

S.690

**Title:** A bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act.

Sponsor: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [MD] (introduced 3/25/2009) Co-sponsors (6)

Related Bills: H.R.2213

Latest Major Action: 3/22/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 327.

Senate Reports: 111-165

#### S.720 Federal Land REPAIR Act

**Title:** A bill to provide a source of funds to carry out restoration activities on Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Udall, Mark [CO] (introduced 3/26/2009) Co-sponsors (1)

Latest Major Action: 3/26/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

### **S.724**

**Title:** A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to temporarily prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from considering global climate change as a natural or manmade factor in determining whether a species is a threatened or endangered species, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Barrasso, John [WY] (introduced 3/26/2009) Co-sponsors (1)

**Latest Major Action:** 3/26/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### S.796 Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2009

Title: A bill to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Bingaman, Jeff [NM] (introduced 4/2/2009) Co-sponsors (3)

Latest Major Action: 7/14/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural

Resources. Hearings held.

## S.812 Rural Heritage Conservation Extension Act of 2009

**Title:** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

Sponsor: Sen Baucus, Max [MT] (introduced 4/2/2009) Cosponsors (28)

Related Bills: H.R.1831

Latest Major Action: 4/2/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Finance.

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## S.816 Preservation of the Second Amendment in National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges Act

**Title:** A bill to preserve the rights granted under second amendment to the Constitution in national parks and national wildlife refuge areas.

Sponsor: Sen Crapo, Mike [ID] (introduced 4/2/2009) Co-sponsors (14)

Related Bills: <u>H.R.1684</u>

Latest Major Action: 4/2/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy

and Natural Resources.

#### S.952

Title: Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2009

Sponsor: Sen Snowe, Olympia J. [ME] (introduced 5/1/2009) Cosponsors (14)

Related Bills: H.R.3650

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 271.

Senate Reports: 111-125

# S.1061 Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund Reauthorization Act of 2009

Title: A bill to reauthorize the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund and to direct the

Secretary of Energy to provide a plan for the re-enrichment of certain uranium tailings.

**Sponsor:** Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] (introduced 5/18/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Related Bills: H.R.2471

Latest Major Action: 5/18/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

## S.1078 America View Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act

**Title:** A bill to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs.

Sponsor: Sen Johnson, Tim [SD] (introduced 5/19/2009) Cosponsors (1)

Related Bills: H.R.2489

Latest Major Action: 8/5/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Commerce, Science, and

Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

## S.1214 National Fish Habitat Conservation Act

**Title:** A bill to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Lieberman, Joseph I. [CT] (introduced 6/9/2009) Cosponsors (12)

Related Bills: H.R.2565

Latest Major Action: 5/17/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 378.

Senate Reports: 111-190

**AGF Commission Position: Support** 

### S.1255 Flexibility in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act of 2009

**Title:** A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding of certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Schumer, Charles E. [NY] (introduced 6/11/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Related Bills: H.R.1584

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## S.1348 Hunting Heritage Protection Act

**Title:** A bill to recognize the heritage of hunting and provide opportunities for continued hunting on Federal public land.

Sponsor: Sen Chambliss, Saxby [GA] (introduced 6/25/2009) Cosponsors (14)

Related Bills: H.R.3046

Latest Major Action: 6/25/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

### S.1395

**Title:** A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date on which the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Sponsor: Sen Crapo, Mike [ID] (introduced 7/6/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Related Bills: H.R.1054

Latest Major Action: 7/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## S.1421 Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act

**Title:** A bill to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp.

**Sponsor:** Sen Levin, Carl [MI] (introduced 7/9/2009) Cosponsors (6)

Related Bills: H.R.48, H.R.3173

Latest Major Action: 5/5/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 366.

Senate Reports: 111-181

## S.1453 Bureau of Reclamation Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2009

**Title:** A bill to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023.

Sponsor: Sen Bingaman, Jeff [NM] (introduced 7/14/2009) Cosponsors (5)

Related Bills: H.R.2288

Latest Major Action: 3/2/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 292.

Senate Reports: 111-142

### S.1501 Community Forestry Conservation Act of 2009

Title: A bill to provide a Federal tax exemption for forest conservation bonds, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 7/22/2009) Cosponsors (4)

Related Bills: H.R.3302

Latest Major Action: 7/22/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Finance.

## S.1535 Protect America's Wildlife Act of 2009

**Title:** A bill to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to establish additional prohibitions on shooting wildlife from aircraft, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Feinstein, Dianne [CA] (introduced 7/29/2009) Cosponsors (2)

Related Bills: H.R.3381

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Environment and Public Works.

### S.1579 Restore Our American Mustangs Act

Title: A bill to amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of

wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Byrd, Robert C. [WV] (introduced 8/5/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Related Bills: H.R.1018

Latest Major Action: 8/5/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy

and Natural Resources.

**AGF Commission Position: Oppose** 

## S.1702 Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act

Title: A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain states.

Sponsor: Sen Udall, Mark [CO] (introduced 9/23/2009) Cosponsors (2)

Related Bills: H.R.3781

Latest Major Action: 9/23/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Environment and Public Works. **AGF Commission Position: Support** 

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### S.1738 Roadless Area Conservation Act of 2009

Title: A bill to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System.

Sponsor: Sen Cantwell, Maria [WA] (introduced 10/1/2009) Cosponsors (24)

Latest Major Action: 10/1/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

S 1770 Pagraptional Eighing and Hunting Haritage and Opportunities Act

## S.1770 Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act

Title: A bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on Federal public lands and ensure continued opportunities for these activities.

Sponsor: Sen Murkowski, Lisa [AK] (introduced 10/8/2009) Cosponsors (2)

Related Bills: H.R.3749

 $Latest\ Major\ Action:\ 10/8/2009\ Referred\ to\ Senate\ committee.\ Status:\ Read\ twice\ and\ referred\ to\ the\ Committee\ on\ Referred\ to\ the\ Committee\ on\ Referred\ to\ the\ Read\ twice\ and\ referred\ to\ the\ Read\ twice\ the\ Rea$ 

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## S.2794

Title: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat.

Sponsor: Sen Schumer, Charles E. [NY] (introduced 11/18/2009) Cosponsors (6)

Related Bills: H.R.4388

Latest Major Action: 11/18/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Finance.

C 2709 National Forest and Disease Emergancy Act of 2000

#### S.2798 National Forest Insect and Disease Emergency Act of 2009

**Title:** A bill to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire through the facilitation of insect and disease infestation treatment of National Forest System and adjacent land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Udall, Mark [CO] (introduced 11/18/2009) Cosponsors (2)

Related Bills: H.R.4398

**Latest Major Action:** 4/21/2010 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held.

### S.2811 Migratory Bird Treaty Act Penalty and Enforcement Act of 2009

**Title:** A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Merkley, Jeff [OR] (introduced 11/20/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Related Bills: H.R.2062

**Latest Major Action:** 11/20/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.2830

**Title**: A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects.

Sponsor: Sen Bingaman, Jeff [NM] (introduced 12/3/2009) Cosponsors (5)

Related Bills: H.R.4817

Latest Major Action: 6/21/2010 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural

Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

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### S.2999

**Title:** A bill to provide consistent enforcement authority to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public lands under the jurisdiction of these agencies, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Udall, Mark [CO] (introduced 2/4/2010) Cosponsors (None)

Related Bills: H.R.4589

**Latest Major Action:** 2/4/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## S.3063 Invasive Species Emergency Response Fund Act

**Title:** A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide loans to certain organizations in certain States to address habitats and ecosystems and to address and prevent invasive species.

Sponsor: Sen Reid, Harry [NV] (introduced 3/3/2010) Cosponsors (7)

Related Bills: H.R.4782

Latest Major Action: 3/3/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy

and Natural Resources.

### **S.3122 Open EAJA Act of 2010**

**Title:** A bill to require the Attorney General of the United States to compile, and make publicly available, certain data relating to the Equal Access to Justice Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Ensign, John [NV] (introduced 3/16/2010) Cosponsors (9)

Related Bills: H.R.4717

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the

Judiciary.

### S.3146 Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2010

**Title:** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes

Sponsor: Sen Crapo, Mike [ID] (introduced 3/22/2010) Cosponsors (10)

Latest Major Action: 3/22/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Finance.

### S.3230 NEPA Certainty Act

**Title:** A bill to prohibit the use of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to document, predict or mitigate the climate effects of specific Federal actions.

Sponsor: Sen Inhofe, James M. [OK] (introduced 4/20/2010) Cosponsors (6)

**Latest Major Action:** 4/20/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### S.3252

**Title:** A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to limit the liability of a State performing reclamation work under an approved State abandoned mine reclamation plan.

**Sponsor:** Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 4/22/2010) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 4/22/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

## S.3565 Mohave Valley Land Conveyance Act of 2010

Title: A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Mohave County, Arizona, to the

Arizona Game and Fish Commission, for use as a public shooting range.

Sponsor: Sen McCain, John [AZ] (introduced 7/12/2010) Cosponsors (1)

Latest Major Action: 7/12/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

**Energy and Natural Resources. AGF Commission Position: Support** 

## S.3587 Clean Energy, Community Investment, and Wildlife Conservation Act

**Title**: Clean Energy, Community Investment, and Wildlife Conservation Act **Sponsor:** Sen Reid, Harry [NV] (introduced 7/14/2010) Cosponsors (1)

Latest Major Action: 7/14/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

**Energy and Natural Resources.** 

## S.3594 Fishery Conservation Transition Act

**Title:** Fishery Conservation Transition Act

**Sponsor:** Sen Nelson, Bill [FL] (introduced 7/15/2010) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 7/15/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## S.3640 American Family Farm and Ranchland Protection Act of 2010

Title: American Family Farm and Ranchland Protection Act of 2010

Sponsor: Sen Udall, Mark [CO] (introduced 7/22/2010) Cosponsors (6)

Related Bills: H.R.3050

Latest Major Action: 7/22/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on

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